

Washington - Today, Congressman John Olver (1st District) announced that the House Appropriations Committee has approved funding for new buses in Berkshire County.

"Updated buses will ultimately mean better service for Berkshire County," Olver said. "This funding will help the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority (BRTA) replace some of its older 35-foot buses with newer, more efficient vehicles."

Approval by the Appropriations Committee is a preliminary step toward final passage of the Transportation bill. Olver said that the bill will also provide funding for other transportation projects in the region.

"My hope is that this funding will make it easier to get around Berkshire County. That's what the BRTA does for us, and it's a great service," Olver said.

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"This is an auspicious start for the Transportation bill," Olver said. "As the Appropriations Committee moves forward with the bill, we will continue to work closely with the BRTA and other transportation advocates in the region."

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